

Reading Russian Documents: Deciphering the Handwriting and Understanding the Grammar

Russia “How to” Guide, Beginner Level: Answer Key

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- Practice identifying the following names using the tips and tricks discussed in the “How to” Guide.

<i>Елена</i>	Елена
<i>Егоръ</i>	Егоръ
<i>Ирина</i>	Ирина
<i>Иванъ</i>	Иванъ

- Use the grammar chart from the “How to” Guide to identify which case the following words are in. What does the case imply?

уезда	уезд а – genitive, of/from the uyezd
села	сел а - genitive, of/from the village
крестьянин	крестьянин - nominative
августе	август е - prepositional, in August
с голодом	с голод ом - instrumental, with hunger (i.e. the battle with hunger)

3. Practice reading the following words using the tips and tricks discussed in the “How to” Guide. Next, locate the meaning of the word using the Russian Genealogical Word List, an online translator or a dictionary. Use the grammar chart from the “How to” Guide to identify which case the word is in.

Первого	перваго (first) Genitive
жены.	жены (wife) Genitive
сыномъ	сыномъ (son) Instrumental
Тысяча	Тысяча (thousand) Nominative
законная супругъ	законныхъ супруговъ (lawful spouse) Genitive
въ селеніи	въ селеніи (in the village) Prepositional
изъ деревни	изъ деревни (from the village) Genitive

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